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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between 19 February and 3 March 1954, the Pioneer Kaserne (4502), Fuerstenberg, was occupied by about 1,600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. On 19 February, about 30 troops received instruction on 5 T-34/65 tanks. On 3 March, about 50 troops received instruction on the two stationary tank turrets at the large drill ground. On several days, marksmanship with carbines and machine guns was practiced at the target range.

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2. Between late February and early March, the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse (4501) was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. On 26 February and 3 March, reports of artillery were heard from the area southwest of the installation. On 2 March, about 100 troops armed with carbines and light machine guns and carrying ammunition boxes and practice targets left the installation toward the Rauen brick works.

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Comment. Prior to early March, the two installations were occupied as previously.

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